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RE: Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for accepting public comments on reducing egg-borne diseases. I am writing to urge the FDA to ban the forced molting of laying hens, a practice which often decreases immune function thus leading to increased shedding of Salmonella. As a public health researcher, I feel that it is imperative that the FDA should immediately take this step of banning forced molting in order to increase the safety of the nation's food supply.

Sincerely,



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